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9. DAVIS, Mrs. Avery:

Thought shots came from knoll area. Address: [illegible] Westmount, Dallas, Texas.

10. DORMAN, Mes. Elsie:

Took movies from 4th floor window of TSBD. Thought shots came from area of Records Building. Address: 1233 East Louisiana, Dallas.

11. FRAZIER, Buell Wesley:

Drove Oswald to work. Standing in front of TSBD and thought shots came from knoll. Address: 2439 West 5th Street, Irving, Texas. (I believe Frazier is now in Vietnam)

12. GARNER, Dorothy Ann:

*✓ 22H648 From 4th floor of TSBD, though shots came from knoll area. Address: 911 Royal Street, Forney, Texas.

13. HARGIS, Officer Bobby W.:

*✓ 6H293-296 Motorcyclist to left rear of limousine was spattered with blood. Thought shots came from knoll. Address: 1818 Adelaide, Dallas.

14. HESTER, Charles: See Sprague for photos of Hester & his wife looking out rear of GAZEBO

*✓ 19H478 22H841 On North side of Elm, thought shots came from "Immediately behind us." His wife was with him. Address: 2619 Keyhold Street, Irving, Texas.

15. HILL, Mrs. Jean:

*✓ 6H205-23 Standing on South side of Elm, heard 4-6 shots, with difference in sounds. Thought shooting was from grassy knoll. School teacher, good witness. Address: 9402 Bluff Creek, Dallas.

16. HOLLAND, S. M.:

*✓ 6H239-248 Has consistently stated shots came from knoll, but his testimony has serious weaknesses. (e.g., from his position the knoll and TSBD were in a straight line.) Probably better to avoid him as a witness.

Address: 825 Arpege Circle.

18. LOVELADY, Billy Nolan:

Standing on TSBD steps, thought shots came from knoll. Has recently moved, and has been in hospital. (I think Penn Jones has address.) Penn says he has now changed his story making it consistent with Warren Commission.

19. MOONEY, Luke:

* ✓ 3H281-90 (Deputy Sheriff). Thought shots came from knoll area and ran in that direction. Address: Sheriff's Office, Dallas.

20. NEWMAN, William & Gayle:

* ✓ 22H842 24H219 Standing North side of Elm, thought shots came from behind. Dramatic picture by Art Rickersby (LIFE) shows Newmans lying on ground looking back towards the picket fence. Address: 718 W. Clarendon Street, Dallas.

21. ROWLAND, Arnold Louis:

* ? 24H224 26H166 Saw two men in TSBD 6th floor before assassination and thought shots came from the knoll area. ADDRESS: 3026 Hammerly Street, Dallas.

22. SHELLEY, William H.:

* ✓ 6H327-334 24H226 Standing in TSBD entrance, thought shots came from the west. Address: 126 S. Tatum, Dallas.

23. SMITH, Edgar Leon:

Standing near Elm/Houston corner, thought shots came from the knoll area. Police Officer, Traffic Division.

24. SMITH, Joe Marshall:

7H531-9 Thought shots came from the "bushes of the overpass". Police Officer, Traffic Division.

25. TAGUE, James Thomas:

Standing by underpass on Main Street. Was hit on cheek by a ricochet. Thought shooting was from "over at monument to his left." Salesman for Cedar Springs Dodge. Address: 700 West Euless, Euless, Texas.

2H 227 Standing in front of [illegible] RR or WPA project." Address: [illegible]

27. WALTHER, Carolyn:

24 H 522 Thought shots came from TSBD but saw 2 men in [illegible] (was featured on CBS "special".) Address: 4116 [illegible] Dallas.

28. WEITZMAN, Seymour:

*? useful 7H 165-169 (Deputy Sheriff) Thought shots came from knoll. Ran up knoll and scaled fence. Then ran to TSBD and found rifle on 6th floor. Address: 2802 Oates Dr., Dallas.

29. WILSON, Steven F.:

*✓ 22H 685-6 (Vice President of Southwest Division of Allyne & Bacon, Inc.) On 3rd floor of TSBD, thought shots came from "west end of building or colonnade". Address: 903 Carney Drive, Garland, Texas. (mentioned in "Rush to Judgement", FBI tried to get him to change his story.)

30. ZAPRUDER, Abraham:

*✓ 7H 569-576 Standing on knoll. Initial statement to Secret Service said shots came from behind him. Later he changed his story. Address: 3909 Marquette, Dallas.

Nearly all of the above-listed witnesses gave testimony tending to corroborate that the shooting came from the Grassy Knoll.

To make a case consistent with the concept of crossfire, one would possibly need to introduce other witnesses who said the shots came from another direction, e.g., the Book Depository.

My suggestion would be to call JOSIAH THOMPSON as a witness. (He is a philosophy professor at Haverford College, Philadelphia, Pa.) He has done an analysis of the testimony the eyewitnesses which strongly indicates shooting was done from at least 2 directions. A book by him is due out this Fall.

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